

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

September 19, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Music: Carl Goossen and Andrew Voth

Chorister: Pastor Katherine

Worship Leader: Brian Hilgenfeld

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship Psalm 47

Gathering Prayer

- * **Gathering Hymn No. 68** *O come, loud anthems let us sing*

Offering our Gifts Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading Matthew 16:13-17 & 21:5-9 Kyle Regier

- * **Hymn No. 66** *O Worship the King*

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:4-17

Kyle Regier

Sermon *God's Covenant with David*

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

- * **Hymn of Response No. 69** *The Lord is king*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

- * **Sending Hymn No. 65** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

**The Adult Sunday School class will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

This morning, we continue to tell the Biblical story of God's saving purposes throughout history. We have seen God acting in the beginning to create, preserving Noah and creation from the flood, promising to make Abraham and his family a blessing, delivering the people of Israel enslaved in Egypt and covenanting with them, and leading Israel into the Land of Promise. Today we witness God's covenant with David and the establishment of his kingdom in order to serve God's purposes. As we tell these stories, may they become a part of us, and we of them.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Anita Yoder Kehr who will be installed as Pastor of First Mennonite Church, Newton, today.

Mennonite Mission Network: Hosts in Bolivia, China and England are preparing to welcome Radical Journey participants as they complete their orientation time in Chicago. Pray that mutual learning and serving between hosts and participants will further build God's kingdom.

Announcements

The Gospel of John elective will not be meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month. Regular classes are encouraged to meet at this time.

Wednesday Evening Book Study: Anabaptist communities are spontaneously emerging all over the world in cultures and denominations without any historical roots in the Anabaptist tradition. What is it that has been attracting Christians to this tradition? What does Anabaptism look like without the trappings of Mennonite or Amish culture in which it is usually found in North America? Stuart Murray, himself a part of a new Anabaptist movement, explores these questions in his recent book, *The Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith*, by tracing the roots of Anabaptism to the radical wing of the Reformation of the 16th century and exploring its radical contemporary significance. Contact the church office if you are interested in participating in this book study.

You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church" each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday: Deb Regier and Katie Regier

Nursery Next Sunday: Kaye Penner and Camille Claassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Peter

Keyboard Next Sunday: Sara Unruh

Ushers Next Sunday: Caleb Regehr and Rob Schunn

Offering Last Sunday: Local Church \$5,907.00

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Church Events

Today at 11:30 a.m. Carry-in meal. Everyone is welcome to stay!

Today at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Semi-annual Business Meeting.

This evening College-age Bible Study: There will be a Bible Study at Pastor Peter and Katherine's house for all college-age young adults each 3rd Sunday of the month. We will have our first Bible Study this evening at 7:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Please feel free to invite others.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Youth group meets at church.

Next Sunday College-age Lunch: Pastor Peter and Katherine would love to host all college-age young adults for lunch at our house on Sunday, September 26 after church. Please feel free to invite your friends! If anyone from the congregation is interested in helping with food for this meal, please let either Pastor Peter or Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

Next Sunday What a youth camping season we've had at Camp Mennoscah this summer! We will be celebrating the season with a Supper and Talent Night involving our amazing summer staff, counselors, directors and other volunteers. Please come and re-live your time at camp through story, picture and song at the Grace Hill Mennonite Church on September 26. Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Talent Extravaganza at 6:30 p.m. Donations to camp will be accepted! Please join us!!!!



Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Kick-Off – All church wiener roast at the church. Rain or shine! Donation for meal – bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks. 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Wednesday Evening Activities. Wednesday evening programming begins October 6.

October 16-17 Grace Hill Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah – save the date for a weekend away with your church family!

Et Cetera

Bethel College Corporation Meeting: Each Western District Conference congregation may send up to ten delegates to the annual Bethel College Corporation meeting on Friday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. Contact the church office if you are interested in being a delegate this Friday.

You are invited to Harvest of Praise, October 2 and 3. Swiss Church is celebrating 125 years. Saturday we have corn threshing, shocking and shucking with lots of other activities going on throughout the day. Homemade chicken noodle supper and pies served at 5 p.m. with live music from area churches and groups at the New Family Life Center. Praise and worship service on Sunday at 10 a.m. with community wide potluck at 12:30. Hope to see you there! *If you are interested in representing Grace Hill with live music on Saturday evening, contact Pastor Peter.*

Wheat State Manor is sponsoring the Annual Quilt Show at the Fall Festival. The date is October 2 and the show will be held at the Federated Church from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to display any quilts they have. Please call the Manor at 799-2181 to enter your quilt in the show.

If you are interested in receiving a complimentary copy of the *Mennonite Weekly Review* please sign your name on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

We need skilled volunteers! The Mennonite Church USA Elkhart Offices project is underway. This facility will house Mennonite Church USA workers who serve with Executive Leadership, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Education Agency, *The Mennonite*, and Mennonite Publishing Network. It will provide a sustainable, functional, low-cost and healthy work environment for these staff members. Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary will be a partner in providing for the maintenance and servicing of the building, as well as cooperating in shared services and event space. Volunteers are invited to help throughout various phases of the construction process from October 2010 to October 2011. Skills needed include framing, finish carpentry, cabinet installation, electrical, plumbing, masonry, drywall hanging and finishing, landscaping, concrete and painting. Housing will be arranged as needed. You can find schedule information and apply to volunteer on the project website: www.mennoniteusa.org/JoiningTogether.

We're going to blow a gasket! Okay, so what we really mean is that the Camp Mennoscah van has a head gasket that is wearing out—and don't ask about the rest of the van. We've reached the point where we're looking at replacing the van. This is our condensed wish list: 1) a fuel-efficient vehicle/car, good for driving back and forth to meetings, good condition; 2) a van, good condition, seats a minimum of 7 people, (easily) removable seats. If you can help us with our wish list, contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Razamatuzz Roofing! Don't miss out on your chance to be part of the roofing fun! We will be re-roofing a lot of our buildings to repair hail damage from this last spring, including the Retreat Center, Cottonwood (the north staff house), and the Bluestem house. Roofing days are October 7-10 or any date we can fit you in. Give us a call to let us know you're coming, bring some friends, and join us for a day or more. Camp Mennoscah will provide meals and lodging, but please let us know in advance that you are coming. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Mennonite Church USA recently signed an agreement to sell part of its Newton office facility on Main Street to the RiverPoint Church, a congregation affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church. Through a realtor, the growing congregation first inquired about renting or buying the area vacated by Faith and Life Bookstore. To our surprise, they offered to purchase 50 feet of the adjoining space. Terry Graber led the building management team at Newton, which agreed it would be good stewardship to sell that part of the facility and to move the 30+ staff into the remaining space. They plan to use some of the proceeds to reconfigure the office spaces and upgrade the entrance. The move will save considerable maintenance cost, make more efficient use of the space, and solidify the offices' place on Main Street. Look for fuller details soon in a news release.

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Grace Hill Wednesday Night 2010-2011

Kick-off on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 an *All Church Event!*

6:30 p.m. Wiener Roast at the church

Rain or Shine! Donation for meal. Bring lawn chairs and wiener sticks!

7:00 p.m. Introduction to Wednesday Evening Activities

Wednesday evening programming begins **October 6**

Ages 3 to Kindergarten 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Faith Weaver Friends – Teachers: Kathy Balzer and Debbie Claassen

Grades 1, 2 & 3 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Faith Weaver Friends - Teachers: Ashley Enns and Penny Hiebert

Grade 4 & 5 7:00-8:15 p.m.

“School Days” by Preteen Ministry

Teachers: Chris & Catina Wiebe

Grades 6, 7 & 8 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Basement – Teachers: Jana Harms and Caleb Regehr

Grades 9-12 7:00-8:30 p.m. Youth Room - Pastor Katherine

For Adults:

Wednesdays 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Beginning October 6 – every Wednesday

October – December:

Book study - *Naked Anabaptist* by Stuart Murray with Pastor Peter

February – April:

“Spiritual Formation” Class with Pastor Peter

Adult Choir 7:45 – 8:30 p.m. – Sanctuary

Director: Andrew Voth

**All Church Meals - First and Third Wednesdays of every month
beginning October 6, 6:10-7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to come for both meals.

1st Wed. - Kids sit with classes, 3rd Wed. - Free to sit with families

Meal in the fellowship hall

Cost: High School and Adults: \$3.00 Children: \$2.50

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Enns or Debbie Claassen.

All Church Skating Party – April 27, 2011, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Starlight Skate Center, Newton

Guidelines for Participants

Wednesday Night Programming for 2010-2011

Coordinators: Ashley Enns and Debbie Claassen

Kitchen Staff

1. Set tables.
2. Cook and serve food.
3. Have available cleaning cart and waste basket for clean-up.
4. Dispose of leftovers.

Clean-Up Crew

1. Clear tables.
2. Put away tables and chairs.
3. Vacuum floor.
4. Do dishes.
5. Clean kitchen.

Table Parents

1. Enjoy the children.
2. Maintain order at the table.
3. Instruct children to take plate, glass and silverware to designated place.
4. Have children stay at table until dismissed for programming.
5. Create family-like atmosphere.
6. Invited to help with clean-up in fellowship hall and kitchen.
7. Eat first. If serving has started, feel free to go to front of serving line.

Children

1. Activities begin at 6:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall the first and third Wednesday of each month, unless announced otherwise.
2. Maintain good table manners.
3. Leave table only with permission from table parents.
4. Stay at your table until dismissed for programming.
5. Take plate, glass and silverware to designated place when dismissed.
6. Table parents will go through food line first.

Parents

1. Activities begin at 6:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall the first and third Wednesday of each month, unless announced otherwise.
2. Parents of children age's 3-Kindergarten eat with their children.
3. Parents of children grade 1-12 are invited to eat together.
4. Cost: \$3.00/high school and adult; \$2.50/children.
5. Invited to help clean-up as needed after meal.